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Nos. 22 &amp; 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

We invite attention to the following Brands,  
all of which are excellent quality and  
good value for the money.The same being specially selected by our  
London House, and brought direct from the most  
noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled  
by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best  
growths at moderate prices.In ordering, it is only necessary to state the  
name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,  
and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule.....	\$10	\$1.00
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule.....	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Cap- sule.....	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....	18	1.50

## SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.....	6	0.60
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.....	10	1.00
C. Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bot- tled).....	14	1.25

## CLARETS.

A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.....	4	\$4.50
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule.....	4.50	5.00
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule.....	7	7.50
D. La Rose, Red Capsule.....	11	12.00

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.  
FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS  
IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

Per Case. Per Bot.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	\$13	\$1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	15	1.40
C. Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule.....	30	2.50

## SCOTCH WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Cap- sule.....	8	0.75
B. Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
C. Watson's Abouln-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
D. Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	12	1.10

## IRISH WHISKY.

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12	1.10
D. Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Fine old, Red Capsule, with Name.....	10	1.00

## GIN.

A. Fine Old Tom, White Cap- sule.....	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule.....	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva.....	5.25	0.50

## RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule.....	12	1.00
Good 1 upward Island.....	\$1.50	per Gallon.

## LIQUEURS.

Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Herings Cherry Cordial, Chartrouze, Dr. Slegers' Angostura, Bitters, &c.		
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PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1892.

## TELEGRAMS.

## LONDON DOCK TROUBLES.

LONDON, May 12th.  
The Dock Directors deny the existence of any  
trouble beyond trivial disputes.

## THE ITALIAN MINISTRY.

The formation of a new Ministry has been  
entrusted to Signor Giolitti by the King of Italy.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

FAIR-PLAY's letter to Mr. Hastings, acting police  
magistrate, is unavoidably held over until Mon-  
day.THE Official Salaries question will be thoroughly  
dealt with in our next issue. No space available  
to-night.THE three big fires in Mandalay, said to have  
been the work of incendiaries, caused damage  
estimated at ten millions of rupees.THE Italian man-of-war *Curtatone* arrived at  
three o'clock this afternoon from Singapore, and  
saluted the port and the Commodore.THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.)  
inform us that the steamship *Esmeralda* left Singa-  
pore for this port to-day, and is due on or about  
the 20th inst.We are informed by the Agent of the O. & O.  
S. S. Co. that the steamship *Bright*, with mails,  
&c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yolo-  
nima, on the 10th inst.Mr. Hans Bucher, of the Siam Public Works  
Department, died of cholera at Bangkok on  
April 29th. The deceased gentleman was a  
native of Zurich and 37 years of age.THE British gunboat *Peacock* and the "Ben"  
liner *Benlawry* were docked at Kowloon yester-  
day. The Occidental and Oriental Co.'s steamship  
*Gaule* was towed over to the Cosmopolitan  
Dock this morning.FOR stealing a cat and swearing he thought it  
was his dawg, a wiry-looking Tai-ping-shanite  
was this morning sent to shot drill, oskum picking  
and cell-scrubbing in the Arboretum Road  
dungeons—and all for the sake of Queen "Vic.""I TOOK it for my own use entirely" was the  
plea of a Talkoo Sugar Refinery coolie, as he  
to-day went into retirement for seven days at  
the request of the Police Court magistrate, who  
strongly objected to his taking twelve cents  
worth of sugar out of the refinery with intent to  
keep it for good.SOUND the file and cry the slogan and bring out  
our second-hand bagpipes so that we can tune up  
"Lochaber no more!" The great "Toch" of  
that ilk and of Talkoo will shake the dust of  
Hongkong off his well-developed testicles within  
the next few days for good. We don't know  
whether it will be most for his own good, or  
but that is a mere matter of detail. However,  
we will lay ourselves out, and regulation the  
"Pote," the Office Goat and the other geniuses of  
our staff, in order to give Tosh of Talkoo a  
rattling good send-off in prose and verse and  
wild, skidding music from our own particular  
chanter.THE Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer *Loch*  
Captain A. Benson, dropped in here yesterday  
while en route from Swatow to Bangkok and  
Singapore, and anchored near Southcote's  
Island. She was not expected here, so her  
sudden appearance gave rise to some speculation  
as to the immediate cause of her arrival. It was  
soon ascertained that one of her passengers had  
been taken ill, and that the vessel had been  
sent to call in at Hongkong to have a new  
rod fitted. Chief engineer Tolloch and his  
subordinates soon got to work after arriving in  
harbour and succeeded in having the latest  
addition to the Co's fleet ready for sea this  
morning, when she sped on her way southward  
with 600 passengers and a big general cargo.ALAS! alas! Another \$50,000 of the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Bank's coin in jeopardy owing to  
the Yokohama branch of that great financial  
institute having advanced \$75,000, at interest,  
on the old P. & O. steamship (now an "Upton"  
liner) *Zambesi*. The \$75,000 has not been paid,  
and the interest on it has not been paid  
neither has the New Oriental Bank's \$115,000  
been paid, and it may be doubted whether all these  
sums will ever be paid, seeing that the *Zambesi*  
has not even fetched \$200,000 in such short time.  
But that doesn't matter, of course, and is only a  
detail. Further particulars on Monday, when  
the Admiralty Court will sit on the *Zambesi*.  
We shall have to sell our fully mortgaged ten  
shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank  
if this sort of thing goes on much longer. What's  
the matter with the Court of Directors anyhow?  
Aren't they supposed to do some directing or  
something for the \$300,000 per annum they draw  
for services (I repeat) if I don't look much  
like it by it will all come out in the washing by  
and bye.WORK on the Korat Railway, says the *Bangkok*  
*Times*, of May 13th, is steadily going ahead.  
Between Bangkok and Ayuthia the earthwork has  
been thrown up, and two bridges have been  
commenced. A station is in course of erection  
at Bang-sa, four miles out of Bangkok, and the  
timber for nearly all the others—eight altogether  
—between there and Ayuthia has been obtained.  
At Ayuthia Mr. McClashan is starting to erect a  
station. There has been a deviation made from  
the original plans, by which the line for about 20  
miles past Ayuthia has been strengthened, and  
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of these will be commenced in two or three  
months, and towards the end of the year a loco-  
motive and wagons will be put on, which will  
greatly facilitate matters, as communication has  
at present to be made by boat as far as Pak Prio.  
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to the hills about half-way to Korat, up to which  
point the jungle has been cleared in a straight  
line 150 feet broad, so as to admit the air and  
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there are about twenty miles of thick forest to be  
cut through yet, but that there is no other  
obstacle of unusual importance. Everyone was  
in good health, and there were no indications of  
anything but prosperity among the inhabitants.  
—Mr. P. Robins, chief engineer of the Royal  
Railway Department, left on May 4th, for the  
Korat, whence he will proceed to the 150th mile  
mark of the Railway, on a visit of inspection.THE exodus of Europeans from Rangoon still  
continues. The steamship *Pegon* recently took  
away 75 European passengers, besides five  
elephants and a tiger.DR. DOBERCK says to-day "Weather overcast,  
and warm with slight rain." If we can believe our  
own senses, the worthy Doctor must have been out  
in a very strong sun. Or perhaps it's "Highland  
dew."We are informed that a report was current in  
Shanghai when the latest arrival here last that  
port to the effect that "Gassy Jim" had obtained  
a bill of sale in New Orleans. That city, we believe,  
is somewhere in the United States.ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission  
steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside  
vessels holding code pennant C, between 9 and  
10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to  
the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.THE *Bangkok Times* of the 4th inst. says that,  
owing to the fatal case of cholera which occurred  
the previous Saturday morning at Messrs. Tucker  
Sligg & Co's late premises, the extraordinary  
meeting of the shareholders in the Goldfields of  
Siam, Limited, was not held.THE British steamship *Torrington*, 1,565 tons,  
purchased at auction on Thursday by the Hon-  
C. P. Charter for \$33,000, after undergoing a  
thorough overhaul will be employed carrying  
coal between Hongkong and this port, for which  
trade she is admirably suited. We understand  
that the output from the Hongkong mines will be  
very materially increased within the next few  
weeks.OUR esteemed morning contemporary mentions  
that "to-day's issue of the *Daily Press* consists  
of six pages, or forty-two columns," which is  
modest, considering that they used to say "forty-  
eight pages." But of these 42 columns, the  
only piece of work originating in the *Daily Press*  
office is a review, such as it is, of a book pub-  
lished six weeks back. All the rest of the "six  
pages, or forty-two columns," is padding, cribbed  
from other papers, and mostly unacknowledged.It would appear that in the British colony of  
Victoria, Irish solicitors are quite an inferior class  
of article to the "real Mackay's." At Melbourne  
the other day Messrs. F. G. Keane and J. Lynch,  
solicitors of the Supreme Court of Judicature in  
Ireland, applied to the Full Court for admission  
to practice as barristers and solicitors of the  
Supreme Court of Victoria. The Court reserved  
decision, which the Chief Justice gave on April  
11th, refusing the application on the ground that  
the qualification necessary for an Irish solicitor  
was not of equal value to the qualification now  
rendered necessary for a barrister and solicitor  
under section 11 of the *Legal Profession and  
Practise Act*, in that Roman law, international  
law, constitutional law, and jurisprudence did  
not form part of the curriculum in the examina-  
tion for solicitors in Ireland. This is the first  
decision with reference to the admission of  
foreign solicitors to practice in Victoria since the  
coming into operation of the *Legal Profession  
and Practise Act*, 1880.At the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday,  
the position of Mr. Ladd's was discussed, his re-  
port on the working of his dual occupation (public  
and private) having been circulated. Mr.  
Francis was not a bit satisfied. Dr. Cantlie,  
Mr. Ede, and Mr. Cooper were satisfied, and the  
report of Mr. Ladd's was adopted with only two  
dissentients. It was, however, unanimously  
resolved—"That Mr. Ladd's connection with  
the Dairy Farm Company does not appear to  
have interfered with his duties to the Board  
during the last three months; but, in view of  
Mr. Ladd's being an executive officer of the  
Board, the Board does not approve of his con-  
tinuing his present connection with the Dairy  
Farm Company, but has no objection to his  
being allowed general consultation practice and  
to accept fees for each case as it arises." A  
serious case was reported by the Sanitary  
Superintendent, of a female Chinese leper living  
at Stanley. It was decided to arrange, if  
possible, for her removal to the Canton Asylum,  
and to have her house at Stanley destroyed, com-  
pensation being given. It was further suggested  
that legislation on the subject of deportation  
might be needed, but no resolution was passed.For cool, cast-iron cheek Mr. Annot Reid, editor  
and manager of the Singapore *Strait Times*,  
not only "takes the cake," but he annexes the  
entire bakery. It was this young gentleman  
who a year or two ago, when on a visit to Hong-  
kong, modestly claimed in conversation with the  
present writer to be "the only practical news-  
paper man in the Far East." Well, Mr. Annot  
Reid may be truly so, but his work in the  
*Strait Times*, a publication that rivals the  
Hongkong *Daily Press* for dulness and is  
in only one degree more interesting than the *Amoy*  
*Gazette*, hardly shows it, and we are sadly  
afraid that such a claim would be generally  
laughed at here, at Shanghai and in fair Japan.  
However, here at Mr. Reid's latest exhibition of  
that exceptional talent of which he claims a  
monopoly—"The *Straits Times* has the largest  
circulation of any newspaper in Asia, British  
India excepted. It circulates in Singapore and  
Penang, throughout all the Protected States of  
the Malay Peninsula, in Siam, Borneo, the  
Netherlands Indies, the Philippines, and French  
Indo-China. No other Eastern newspaper has so  
wide a circulation." For some weeks  
past this choice bit of "bluff" printed in large  
black type, has appeared in a conspicuous place  
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Poeschecker, of Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co.,  
and Vice-Chairman of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, has left the  
colony, never to return. The good people (who  
have "made their piles") are all leaving us;  
but we had special reasons for desiring Mr.  
Poeschecker's presence a few weeks longer, in  
connection with a matter of very serious im-  
portance. However, we shall meet again—  
somewhere.OUR Bangkok contemporary the *Times* reports  
that a Malacca trader named Valberg was to be  
tried on the 4th inst. at H. B. M. Consulate at  
that port on a charge of falsely and maliciously  
imprisoning three Malays, recently. He took  
them with him up country, and at Pechin caused  
their arrest on some unknown charge, the result  
being that they languished in prison for eighteen  
days, with a lot of iron on them. Then they  
were released, and now they are prosecuting  
Valberg.A DOLLAR A COLUMN.  
"TELEGRAPH" STORIES  
BY THE  
COMBINED GENIUS  
OF THE  
GREATEST MEN ON EARTH.  
FOURTH NOVELLETTE.  
FRANCESCO FURIOSO,  
A MYSTERY OF MAGAZINE GAP.  
PROLOGUE.My Missus and I live all alone;  
In a house at the Peak we call our own;  
We have a dog all black and white,  
Which wakes the neighbours every night.

CHORUS—

Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-de-ay! (Repeated eight times.)  
Our pet goes out on midnight prowls;  
And like the atmosphere with howls;  
Then every man gets out of bed  
To have the meat-axe at its head.Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-de-ay!  
When our dog meets on another cur,  
The pair freeze on to each other's fur,  
The diabolic din of fight  
Destroys the stillness of the night.Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-de-ay!  
Then if I catch that other pup,  
I make him jolly well sit up!  
I forcibly apply my shoe;  
And dust his jacket with bamboo—Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-de-ay!  
I never hurt my own dear pet,  
Nor scold, nor do him up, yet bet!  
But I liven up the other dog,  
Which has to skip like a jumping frog—Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-de-ay!  
And if its owner comes around,  
Complaining how I treat his bound,  
I tell him he's a blabby liar,  
And he can go to Hell-goland—Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-de-ay!  
And then I let him have his say—  
Until he looks the other way,  
When suddenly I stop the fun  
And bash his two eyes into one—Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-de-ay!  
THE COMEDY.In the early days of European enterprise  
in far distant lands, when adventures of all  
nations were few and their adventures remark-  
able, each man's life was a thrilling romance,  
and each event therein was a historical land-  
mark for the generations. Vasco da Gama,  
Marco Polo, and their brother knights of  
medieval commerce, each attained renown and  
riches beyond the measure of modern days.  
Not the least of these men, who by their energy  
and good fortune, rather than by education or  
great ability, rose from the ranks and justly  
earned the title, now so cheaply used, of  
"merchant princes," was Sir Montague de la  
Barbe.A small fleet of handy little ships came out  
from Europe to the Far East, manned by  
miscellaneous collection of the restless spirits of  
all nations, such as could be always found in  
those days about the "Low Country"—low  
then in more senses than one—whence came  
this expedition. English, Spanish, Italian,  
Flemish, German, Swedish, Portuguese, Jew-  
ish, Moorish, Armenian—every race and every creed  
was to be found; but the leader was an English-  
man, English to the backbone.Gentle, what, the little band  
of fortune-hunters, settled for a time, trading  
from port to port, establishing commercial marts  
in the flourishing empires of China and Japan,  
and carrying their wares to the distant fairs of  
the Southern Ocean. Other companies of ad-  
venturers there were besides, among whom there  
was keen rivalry. Populous communities sprang  
up, with all the institutions of Western civiliza-  
tion—banks, wealthy companies of ship-owners,  
merchants dealing in all manner of wares; each  
little colony had its own government, its judicial  
system, its playhouses, its scandals and intrigues  
—and of course, its churches. In those days  
there was but one Church, for Rome was not  
troubled much with heresy and dissent; but  
since men can never all agree, there must needs  
be different bodies within the church of Rome  
—Dominicans, Franciscans, Benedictines, Car-  
thusians, and that dangerous society, the  
Order of Jesuits, which was nicknamed "The  
Jesuit body" because among its members  
(or rather possessed without boarding, for they  
all denied membership openly, as though it were  
dishonourable) some of the principal judges and  
one notorious lawyer. This last-named person,  
Francisco, nicknamed the Fire-eater, from his  
ungovernable temper and his large mouth, was  
a remarkable man, even among those men of  
chequered careers. Originally a pork butcher  
by trade, he lost several situations by his  
incompetence. He wished to enter the Church,  
but failed because he would not admit  
the Pope to be greater than himself. For he  
had ambition, and soon after joined the army of  
the king as a private of marines; but finding that  
he was expected to work, and to run some risk  
of injury to his carcass, he left the service, and  
came to the East on pretence of being a lawyer.An unusually plausible, smiling manner, a glib  
tongue, a broken cheek, and a head of adamant  
enabled him to keep up the deception  
with great success. Having little conscience,  
naturally, he scorned himself to entirely dispen-  
se with the inconvenience of superfluity by blossoming  
out as a Jesuit of the deepest dye; which was  
an additional advantage to him in that it gave  
him those secret powers and urbane influences  
which the spies of Rome find ample substitute  
for popularity amongst men. His grasping, miserly  
nature led him to abuse his power to such an  
extent that he became universally detested, which  
he could never understand, as he relied much on  
his smug, complacent attitude of bearing; but  
none the less he was as little liked as a crawling  
centipede, and he was made to know it.  
A few of the colonists, who had not experienced  
his selfishness or his spite (and they were few  
indeed), knowing only his interesting smile  
and his social influence, remained his friends,  
attesting his popularity to the envy of  
substantially, capable, and able. His eldest and  
best friend was Sir Montague de la Barbe, who  
had soon become a prosperous merchant, with  
fleets of galleons and argosies trading under his  
direction to the principal islands of the South  
Pacific, and to many countries near China.  
Sir Montague kept close to his friend, and always  
was ready to take up the cudgels for him; and  
in any private difficulty, Francisco the Fire-eater  
lovingly appealed to his sworn "pal" for advice  
or aid, and seldom found him wanting.Every man who thinks enough has in view  
some ultimate object to which he devotes  
his whole life. The majority of men never take  
sufficient thought to formulate this aim into  
words, and if asked would reply that they had  
not realized that they had any particular object,  
more than simply to live and to make the best  
of life; but all the same, their whole history  
shows some one object, more or less consistently  
followed all through, even though unconsciously.  
Francisco was a thinking man, of a shallow sort.  
He formulated an object—to attain all the  
wealth and power possible; but he was not suffi-  
ciently profound to realise, what his object really  
meant. As he followed it, the means which came  
readily to his hand happened to be—some of them  
he almost ever used—similar to the disposition  
of the man. In this instance, they were mean  
and unscrupulous. Thus his ultimate purpose  
of self-aggrandisement developed into a life's  
passion for injuring others, anybody and every-  
body, by any means and in every direction—in  
wealth, social esteem, influence, morality, hap-  
piness, all were alike the objects of his spite. He  
did not intend to be venomous, and possibly did  
not always know that he was, but it always  
worked round to that.One of the first to fathom Francisco's character  
aright, and the most bitter in denouncing him, was  
a man of vigorous, ardent, almost feverish tempera-  
ment, a man of strong friendships and violent  
dislikes, who spent his life in the keenest  
activity, even beyond his physical strength,  
so that men marvelled that the strain did not  
break him up. Often was he warned  
by his friends and by his own physique,  
the latter vigorous enough but fairly made, that  
he kept up the race at reckless speed, attack-  
ing everything that came in his way with all  
the fire of too eager youth, and mistaken  
enthusiasm. That he had not sooner broken  
down was passing strange, but it was plain to  
see that the fever-heat of his yet young life  
would die, and that the heedless, sometimes  
helpless spur which he applied to his already  
over-burdened energy was hastening the end.While he had strength, however, he attacked  
Francisco as boldly as with all the force of  
feeling that could exist between two such differ-  
ent men. He, too, at times failed to comprehend all  
the evils wrought by too close devotion to his  
ultimate aim, and at times did himself much harm,  
estranging friends, offending many against whom  
he had no general grievance, and wasting his  
energy on minor objects. On account of his  
unfailing determination, and also by a play on  
words, in reference to his bitterness of tongue  
and pen, he was named "the Gaul." Needless  
of all he kept on his course and the Jesuit, Holy  
Francisco, had no rest.Many times did these sworn foes meet in the  
hall of justice, and try their strength to the full.  
Numerous minor conflicts they had, but only two  
great pitched battles. In the first, the cunning  
of the Jesuit was no match at all for the fierce  
onslaught of his better equipped antagonist,  
and Francisco the Fire-eater was smitten  
hip and thigh. In the second meeting, with  
the assistance of his dear friend, the Gaul, his  
friend and supporter was waylaid, intimidated,  
bribed, and altogether corrupted, so that he did  
great injury instead of succouring the just cause;  
while the Jesuit's followers openly boasted that  
they would stop at nothing, fair or foul, to  
crush the Gaul out of existence. Fool truly were  
the devices to which they resorted; but it was of  
no avail. A temporary victory was celebrated  
with much rejoicing by Francisco and his crew,  
but it was well for them that the Gaul was  
of their little success, for it was a short duration.  
When an irresistible force comes in contact with  
an immovable body, the result is problematical,  
but when the body is heterogeneous and feeble,  
the irresistible force continues unchecked.One result of this last duel between Francisco  
and the Gaul was that the former, by his shady  
tactics and the outspoken malice of his will-  
ful allies, lost most of his remaining friends, and  
gradually came near to being out of the colony  
entirely. One by one his hangers-on fell off, until  
he was reduced to a small band of some half-  
dozen tuff-busters and parasites, whose main  
reason for adhering to him was a mistaken  
belief that he still had some power, which they  
hoped to use. Sir Montague de la Barbe, for  
old acquaintance sake, stood by him, the last one  
of all his real friends; he was a friend worth  
having.Once, when the ambition of Francisco had led  
him to buy a large estate, which he soon found  
he could not fully utilize, and he appealed to Sir  
Montague to help him out. Flattery and fine  
promises rolled off his glib tongue like fire water;  
"the one man in all the colony whom I would  
be proud to have in my house," and much more  
to that effect. Anxious to do what he could for  
his friend, Sir Montague took the shabby over-  
paying for it simply, and thus saved his pal from  
considerable difficulty. From that time Fran-  
cisco was his constant companion, and hardly  
a day passed without a visit, as close was his  
friendship between them.One evening, not very long after the combat  
in which the Gaul was temporarily wounded,  
Francisco summoned his pack of Jesuit friends  
to his mansion, to hold a "feast on a small  
scale," and discuss the next move in the  
game he was playing. Among these guests  
was an "imbecile, good-natured, who from his  
stupidity, and his 'pious' appearance, was called  
Shylock-like; avarice, and was nicknamed David  
the Devilish." This character served as an  
example of Francisco's "friends"; for David's  
sole anxiety in life was as to whether certain prop-  
erty recently bequeathed to him would be all  
his own or would have to be divided; and for  
this reason alone he sought the companionship  
of Francisco the Fire-eater.Another of the monster's guests was a young  
advocate, learned in the law, but innocent as a  
bleating calf; good hearted, with large staring  
eyes, a voluminous mouth, and extensive feet,  
whence he was commonly called "Foot and  
Mouth disease." Another guest, also of the legal  
brotherhood, was a thin, washed-out individual,  
prematurely decayed, albeit he made an effort, by  
dandified affectation, to hide the weakness of  
his body and mind, further weakened by a  
delicious climate and a low state of adherence to  
testimonials. He had a large mouth, which  
seemed to take up all his attention, and to  
require all his strength to carry it. His faithful  
companion called him "Staylaces."This brute, meeting the other dog, naturally  
flew at it







